

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET VOLUNTARY SECTOR COMMITTEE
MONDAY, 27 APRIL 2009**

Councillors *Cooke (Chair), *Adje, *Basu, *Canver and *Bob Harris

*Present

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
VSGC13.	<p>MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2008 be confirmed and signed.</p>	HLDMS
VSGC14.	<p>HARINGEY DISABILITY FIRST CONSORTIUM (HDFC) UPDATE (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive - Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communications – Agenda Item 6)</p> <p>We noted the additional information on how HDFC proposed to manage and deliver representation and advice services for disabled people in Haringey and welcomed the increased emphasis on project outcomes and their measurement noting that through the monitoring process officers of the Council’s Voluntary Sector Team would be working closely with HDFC to assist in the establishment of the project and ensure agreed targets were delivered.</p> <p>With regard to HDFC ‘s proposed arrangements for advice provision, clarification was sought of whether there was a role for the Council to play at officer level in their promotion. Officers having indicated that they would need to go back to the Consortium to obtain details of the publicity arrangements we asked that a meeting be arranged at which the Council’s Head of Communications was represented.</p> <p>Clarification was also sought of whether the HDFC was in liaison with the Council’s Adult, Culture and Community Services in terms of the Well Being Partnership Board’s wider plans for disabled people. Officers having confirmed that linkages would need to be improved in this respect we expressed concern at the lack of engagement with Adult Services to date and we asked that their involvement be ensured in the future steering of the project.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>	<p>ACE-PPPC</p> <p>ACE-PPPC</p>
VSGC15.	<p>THE LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSION (LSC) LEGAL ADVICE PROCUREMENT REFORMS (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive - Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communications – Agenda Item 7)</p> <p>We noted that the core grant aid programme had a 3 year funding</p>	

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	<p>agreements (2007-10) with 2 main advice providers: Haringey Citizen's Advice Bureau (HCAB) and Haringey Law Centre (HLC).</p> <p>We also noted that a funding review of these organisations would take place during 2009 with recommendations on future funding arrangements presented to our Committee in November 2009 and that this review would present the ideal opportunity to explore with Haringey's Community Legal Partnership (CLSP) the LSC proposals and, if considered beneficial, change how funding was distributed.</p> <p>Clarification was sought of the basis on which the statement in recommendation 4.2 was made that 'as currently there is no capacity for a centrally based Community Legal Advice Centre (CLAC) in Haringey'. Officers having indicated that this might not after all be the case and that the feasibility of having such a Centre rather than operating through a network could also be considered we asked that the proposed explorations with the Legal Services Commission also include this option.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That officers explore with the Legal Services Commission the pooling of resources and once agreement is reached negotiates, within the rules of procurement, a service specification which is heavily weighted towards addressing the specific local and cultural needs of the communities of Haringey. 2. That officers explore with the Legal Services Commission the establishment of a Community Legal Advice Network (CLAN) in Haringey and report back on progress with recommendations to our Committee in November 2009. 3. That in exploring the possibility of putting in place a CLAN in Haringey it be agreed that it should only be established if it does not present a threat to the continuity of the current local providers of legal advice services. 	<p>ACE-PPPC</p> <p>ACE-PPPC</p> <p>ACE-PPPC</p> <p>ACE-PPPC</p>
<p>VSGC16.</p>	<p>AFRICAN CARIBBEAN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (ACLC) UPDATE (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive - Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communications – Agenda Item 10)</p> <p>The interleaved report was the subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as it contained exempt information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).</p> <p>We noted that the Council had been advised through a recruitment agency that ACLC had appointed a Centre Manager who had commenced work at the Centre on the 10 February 2009.</p> <p>We also noted that officers were continuing to work with ACLC and the new Centre Manager to try and resolve outstanding issues. We were</p>	

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	<p>informed that ACLC had submitted a Business Plan covering the period 2009-2012 which would form part of the ongoing discussions and that, along with other community organisation ACLC would be reviewed in 2009 for recommendations of future funding for 3 years from the 1 April 2010.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>	
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The meeting ended at 19.40 hours.

MATT COOKE
Chair